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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL FLASH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR: PARK LETTER

REFS: (A) SEOUL 10790, (B) STATE 304568.

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LINES WE HAVE REQUESTED WE CAN ENVISION DELAYS AND RECRIMINATIONS WHICH WOULD BE EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING TO US.

4. OUR CONCERN ON THIS POINT IS REINFORCED BY A CONVERSATION BETWEEN JUSTICE AND HUNDLEY TODAY IN WHICH THE LATTER WAS ASKED WHETHER TONGSUN PARK WOULD AUTHORIZE HIM TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (REF B) NOW. WHILE HUNDLEY AGREED TO TELEPHONE PARK AND DISCUSS THIS POINT WITH HIM, HUNDLEY FELT CONFIDENT THAT THE ANSWER IS NO.

5. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND INFORM HIM THAT THE LETTER WHICH PARK HAS PROVIDED IS UNSATISFACTORY, AND EXPLAIN TO HIM WHY. WE WOULD THEN WAIT FOR A KOREAN REACTION. DEPENDING ON THAT REACTION WE MAY SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZE YOU TO OFFER, AS A FALLBACK, A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN YOU AND PARK, AS YOU HAVE PROPOSED IN REF A. HOWEVER, THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED TO ELICIT SPECIFICALLY FROM PARK THE STATEMENT THAT HE HAS READ THE MPAA AND THE JOINT STATEMENT, AND AGREES TO COOPERATE IN THE WAYS IT PROVIDES, AND PROMISES TO GIVE TRUTHFUL TESTIMONY AND TO SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. WE WANT TO DELAY BEFORE AUTHORIZING THIS FALLBACK POSITION, INTER ALIA
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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 305838 SENT ACTION SEOUL DEC 23.
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